

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

- 1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Board of Respiratory Care
- 2. Rulemaking hearing date:** January 4, 2007
- 3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**
 - (a) Respiratory care practitioners who provide their services as independent contractors; and
 - (b) Medical and other health-related practices that pay initial licensure and renewal fees for their employees who are licensed respiratory care practitioners.
- 4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**
 - (a) Respiratory care practitioners who provide their services as independent contractors; and
 - (b) Medical and other health-related practices that pay initial licensure and renewal fees for their employees who are licensed respiratory care practitioners.
- 5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

None
- 6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

The increase in fees will come directly out of the “bottom line” for the effected small businesses.
- 7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:**

It would be less burdensome to not have a fee increase, but that would be contrary to the Board’s statutory requirements regarding fiscal solvency.
- 8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:**

The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts. However, the Board’s proposed fees are presently very near the median fees for all of the state health-related licensing boards.